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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BECOCCI ET AL.

Examiner

Christopher P. Schwartz

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,9-11 and 21-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,3,4,6 and 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 22-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5,9,29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10,21,31,32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

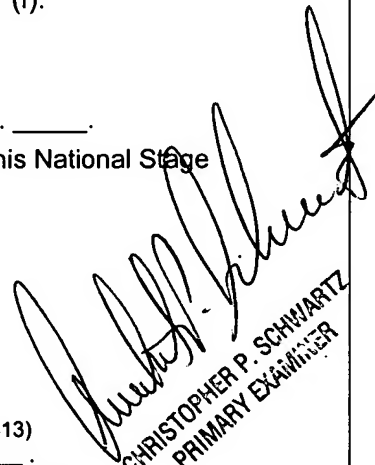
- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____


CHRISTOPHER P. SCHWARTZ
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed 9/22/06 has been received and considered. Claims 2,7,8,12-20 have been canceled. Claims 1,3-6,9-11,21-32 are currently pending.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 1,3,4,6,11 remain withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 9/15/05. New claims 21-28 have been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 29,30,5,9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrus in view of Yoshida and Gajek et al. or Gueugneaud '372.

Regarding claim 29 as best seen in figure 6 Andrus discloses an apparatus for the control of brakes in bicycles comprising a pump 60,64,108,90,94, as broadly claimed, capable of pushing fluid into a hydraulic circuit 62 wherein the pump is held inside the handlebar or a part associated therewith. Note also that Andrus discloses a sleeve at 54 and a lug, as broadly claimed, at 126 or 128. Note the connection to the fork at 69 and 70.

Lacking in Andrus is a specific showing of the pump assembly being held inside the lug connecting the handlebar to the steering stem of the bicycle. Andrus does state in column 1 that the invention can be applied to bicycles.

Yoshida '340 discloses a handlebar 26, a lug 3 connecting the handlebar 26 to a steering stem 2 of a bicycle. Note the pump 9,18 is held within the lug 3.

Gajek et al. Shows in figure 5 a bicycle stem and sleeve arrangement.

Gueugneaud shows another type of said arrangement in figure 1.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Andrus with a lug, as taught by Yoshida at 3, whereby the pump arrangement is held within the lug simply to adapt the device to different types of bicycles (i.e. road vs. mountain), as shown by either Gajek et al. or Gueugneaud in the "bicycle arts". Although not applied note the previously cited reference to Shimano '334 is relied upon to show the "hydraulic circuits" inherent in the references above. Also note that as broadly claimed the lug in the modification to Andrus is "connected" to the steering stem and handlebar even if indirectly.

The limitations of claims 5,9,30 are met in view of the references above.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 22-28 and 10,21,31,32 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed February 21, 2006 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

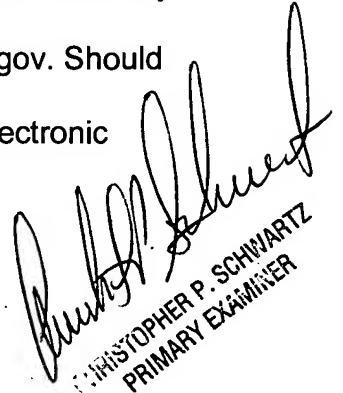
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher P. Schwartz whose telephone number is 571-272-7123. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim McClellan can be reached on 571-272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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